

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION
AND
PRIVACY ACTS**

**SUBJECT: BARKER/KARPIS GANG
BREMER KIDNAPPING**

FILE NUMBER: 7-576

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1351 First Nat'l Bank Bldg.,
El Paso, Texas,
November 7, 1934.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Ave. at Ninth St. N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with recent instructions, I forward herewith in duplicate mimeographed form covering the recent employment of [redacted] as confidential informant in the case entitled Alvin Karpis, with aliases, I.O.#1218, et al, Edward George Bremer, Victim - Kidnaping.

It will be noted that vouchers covering expenditures in the way of expenses and money advanced to this informant will be signed by the writer and by Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley of the Oklahoma City office.

I am not quite sure whether the form has been filled out in accordance with the Division's desires and, if not, would appreciate comment on the same. One copy of this form has been placed in the confidential informant file at El Paso and one copy in the Alvin Karpis, et al, kidnaping file.

Very truly yours,

R. H. Colvin,
Special Agent in Charge.

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San Antonio, Texas,
Date: November 6, 1934.

PAID INFORMANTS - TELEPHONE TAPS

Title of case ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O.#1218, et al
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim - Kidnaping.

Name of informant * [REDACTED]

Address [REDACTED] Telephone No [REDACTED]

Authority requested of Division by letter () on _____
telegram () on _____
teletype () on _____
telephone (X) on 10-29-34.
(Date)

Authority granted by Division by letter () on _____
telegram () on _____
teletype () on _____
telephone (X) on 10-29-34, and by
(Date)

Inspector Cowley, Chicago, 10-29-34.

Approximate period of employment Indefinite.

Rate of compensation per day \$ Expenses up to \$20 per week and reward.
Compensation to be claimed

in voucher submitted by R. H. Colvin, and Dwight Brantley,
(Special Agent) in Charge.

Noted in Chief Clerk's Office _____

Note:- On telephonic instructions of Inspector Cowley and also of Mr. Tamm of the Division, arrangements were made with Informant to proceed to Oklahoma in an effort to cause the apprehension of subjects in this case. He is working on the basis of being advanced travel expenses and incidental expenses up to \$20 per week during whatever time he may be engaged, with the understanding that should his efforts be successful in the apprehension of subjects and he is paid a reward that sums advanced him will be deducted from the amount of the reward. Blue slips for his expenses after October 31 will be submitted by the Agent in Charge at Oklahoma City.

*Give name of person to whom telephone is listed.

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P. O. Box 1278
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
November 9, 1934

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JBL:MMB

Director,
Division of Investigation
U.S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases, I.O.
#1218; Arthur R. Barker with
aliases, I.O. #1219; Et Al;
Edward George Bremer - Victim;
Kidnaping.

Transmitted herewith are duly executed forms in
connection with the employment of [redacted] as a
confidential informant in the above case.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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PAID INFORMANTS - TELEPHONE TAPS

Title of case Alvin Karpis, with aliases, I.O. #1218; Arthur R.

Barker with aliases, I.O. #1219; Et Al - Edward George Bremer - Victim;
Kidnaping.

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Name of informant * [REDACTED]

Address [REDACTED]

Telephone No. [REDACTED]

Authority requested of Division by letter (X) on 10-19-34 from El Paso of-
telegram () on _____
teletype () on _____
telephone () on _____
(Date)

Authority granted by Division by letter () on _____
telegram () on _____
teletype () on _____
telephone (X) on 10-27-34, Inspector Cowley
(Date) to El Paso office

Approximate period of employment One month
week

Rate of compensation per ~~day~~ week \$ 20.00 . Compensation to be claimed

in voucher submitted by John B. Little.

(Special Agent)

Noted in Chief Clerk's Office _____

Arrangements effected with this informant 11-2-34 at Oklahoma City
as the result request for such employment by El Paso office as noted
and authority therefor granted by Inspector Cowley as noted.

*Give name of person to whom telephone is listed.

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420 Federal Building,
Dallas, Texas.

January 2, 1935.

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Director,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania at 9th Street, NW,
Washington, D.C.

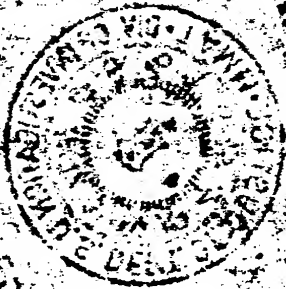
Dear Sir:

In conformity with Division letter of
October 29, 1934, relative to paying informants:
I am attaching hereto two copies of the form re-
quired.

Very truly yours,

F.J. BLAKE,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Detroit, Michigan
January 30 1935

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Director
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. #1218;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. #1232;
ET AL - Edward George Bremer - Victim
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

[REDACTED] to have placed taps on four telephones at Cleveland
and seven at Toledo.

[REDACTED] transmitting herewith eleven telephone tap forms which
concern the following named individuals:

CLEVELAND, OHIO

The Harvard Club, 839 Harvard Avenue, Tel. Michigan 5735
Michigan 5736
Michigan 5250

James A. (Shimmie) Patton, 2332 East
Boulevard, unlisted telephone Clearwater 4777

TOLEDO, OHIO

R & K Cigar Store, 428 1/2 Superior Street
operated by Harold (Big)
Gossins, Tel. Main 7023

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Sam Faldstein, brother-in-law of Harold
(Nig) Cousins (Cousins lives
here) 15 W. Woodruff

Tel. Main 8383

Mayfair Apartments, Cherry Street, resi-
dence of Bert Angus - pay
station

Tel. Main 8785

Willie Johnson, Mayfair Apartments. This
party, who lives in Apt. 803
next to Bert Angus, recently
put in an unlisted telephone.
It is assumed that Bert Angus
might use this phone

Tel. Adams 8343

The Casino Club, Summit Street, operated
by Bert and Ted Angus, pay
station telephone

Pontiac 8079

The Flower Pharmacy, Collingwood Avenue,
in which block Thelma Holts
and Rene Fitzgerald reside.
They have been known to use
drug store telephones to make
contacts. Pay Station phones

Jefferson 0848
Jefferson 0844

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson
Special Agent in Charge

WL:MEB

Encls. (Tel. Tap
Form)

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P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
February 7, 1935

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases, I.O. 1218;
Dr. Joseph P. Moran with aliases,
I.O. 1232; Volney Davis with aliases,
I.O. 1237; Harry Campbell with aliases,
I.O. 1236; et al; Edward George Bremer,
Victim - Kidnaping.

Pursuant to telephonic instructions of Mr. Nevy of the
Division on February 7, 1935, a telephone tap has been placed on
the telephone of Mrs. L. B. Hoffman, 416 East Oklahoma, Tulsa,
Oklahoma, Telephone No. 2-7866, for a period of one week. This
woman is a sister of Subject Volney Davis.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc-St. Paul
Mr. Connelley (Chicago)

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1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

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September 8, 1935.

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Ave. at 9th St., NW,
Washington, D. C.

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Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases -
I. O. #1218 - FUGITIVE; et al;
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim
Kidnaping, etc.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent
C. E. Smith, Cleveland, Ohio, dated September 5, 1935, in
the above entitled case, wherein it is stated that through
the courtesy of Lucas County Prosecutor, Mr. Frazier Reams,
Agent Smith was introduced to an individual who is presently
acting as an informant for the Bureau. This individual is

Very truly yours,

J. P. MAC FARLAND
Special Agent in Charge

CKS:LK

cc - SAC E. J. Connelley

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Post Office Box 1278
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
December 25, 1935

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Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Avenue at 2nd Street, N. E.,
Washington, D. C.

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RE: BREKID

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Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith forms executed in respect to some telephone taps which have been instituted in this district in connection with this case.

The telephones tapped are as follows:

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Jacobs Mercantile Co.,
220 E. 1st Street, Tulsa, Okla.
Telephone #2-1532.

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This is the establishment of Louis Jacobs, boy friend of Laura Campbell, sister of Harry Campbell, and the place is frequented by this sister.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Mr. Ed. A. Smith
816 South Rockford, Tulsa, Okla.
Telephone #3-7854.

W. R. R.

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The Campbells have no telephone and occasionally use the telephone of the Smiths and are called to that telephone on occasions.

These taps went into effect December 22, 1935 and will continue until after the 1st of January, 1936.

The matter was discussed by telephone with Mr. Richmond of the Bureau on December 20, 1935 and authority for this action was granted by the Bureau the same date.

Very truly yours,

cc Chicago (Connelley)
St. Paul
Cincinnati
Los Angeles

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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P. O. Box 256
Los Angeles, California.
Dec. 25, 1934.

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Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Ave. at 9th St., N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

In connection with the above entitled case, and particularly concerning the surveillance which is being made in Los Angeles of Charles J. Fitzgerald, with aliases, there are attached hereto in duplicate the forms reporting the installation of taps on the telephones of Fitzgerald and his companion, Martin Gene Robertson.

This installation was made in accordance with telephone conversation with Mr. Tamm and was confirmed by teletypes from the Los Angeles Bureau Office.

Very truly yours,

J. E. HANSON

Special Agent in Charge

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cc Cincinnati
cc St. Paul
cc Mr. Connelley (Chicago)
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